



# The Low Ranger

Club Newsletter

November 2002

## Elections....

Nominations for club officers and 2002 awards were taken at the November meeting. Officers will be selected during the December meeting and begin their service in January. All officers serve a one year term. Nominations are:

### \*President

Dave Hardin, Mike Hixson

### \*Vice-President

Scott Grimm, Dave Hardin, Mike Hixson, Howard Segal, Bill Virden, Dewey Williams

### \*Secretary

Scott Grimm, Bob Levenhagen, Howard Segal, David Meisner

### \*Treasurer

Scott Grimm, Mike Hixson, Bob Levenhagen, John Stone, Jim Webster, Dewey Williams

### \*Board Members (vote for 5)

Jim Carter, Scott Grimm, Mike Hixson, Brian Kubal, Bob Levenhagen, David Meisner, Marlon Seals, Howard Segal, John Stone, Bill Virden, Dewey Williams, Steve Wykoff

### \*Dipstick Award

Jim Carter, David Meisner

### \*Hook Award

Jim Carter, Mike Hixson, John Stone

### \*Gearhead Award

Marshall Brown, Mike Hixson, & David Meisner

## Christmas Party....

December 14

Bruce's Bar - Severance, CO

Cocktails 6:00 - 7:00

7:00 supper

Menu choices are:

Prime rib, T-Bone, or Ribeye

We need counts and menu choices by the end of the December club meeting. Call Steve Wykoff (790)674-0338 or Dave Hardin (307)638-4979 with your info.

## WELCOME....

NEW CLUB MEMBERS

MARLON & CHRISTINA SEALS!

## RC4W Video....

Get your video clips and ideas to Dewey Williams (307-634-7845) or Dave Hardin (307-638-4979) ASAP.

## 2003 Dues....

2003 club dues are payable by the end of the January meeting. Rig numbers are determined after that meeting.



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### Top Dog Runs:



Ted Atwell	4
Jim Carter	5
Richard Cisco	1
Scott Grimm	6
Dave Hardin	6
Mike Hixson	5
Brian Kubal	3
Chris Ladd	1
Bob Levenhagen	1
Dave Meisner	3
Rod Pepper	4
Matt Romero	1
Howard Segal	3
John Stone	3
Bill Virden	5
Jim Webster	1
Dewey Williams	6
Steve Wykoff	4



# October Club Run - Left Hand Canyon

We planned on going to play in the snow up by Centennial, but the weather didn't cooperate. So, we hit Left-Hand Canyon just out of Longmont, CO again. We had a great sunny day. Scott Grimm, Dewey Williams, Mike Hixson, Dave, Shannon & Andy Kipf, Jim Carter and his daughter and grandson, Dave, Evanna & Ericka Hardin, Howard Segal and his friend who is a Classic Chevy club member, and Brian Kubal & his friend went for the days adventure. We had some breakage, but mostly just a great day of wheeling with friends.



There are no pictures to prove it, but Howard says he just drove right up this spot...I think his grin was proof enough! Dave Hardin also drove over this. Dewey made it half-way but lost a front axel and both front u-joints and winched the rest of the way over.



## Club Events....

### November 15 - Club Run

#### Centennial Ridge

- Bob Levenhagen - leader
- 6:30 Meet at I-25 McDonalds
- 7:00 leave
- 8:00 meet at Fosters in Laramie
- Bring your families, shovels and warm clothes!

### November 23 - Christmas Cruise to benefit Salvation Army

- Sponsored by Classic Chevy club
- Bring toys to give to needy kids
- 10:00 meet at Target on Del Range
- 11:00 cruise to VFW on Lincolnway

### December 3 - Club Meeting

- 7:45 PM Uncle Charlie's, upstairs meeting room, 6001 Yellowstone Rd., Cheyenne

### December 14 - Christmas Party

- See page 1

### December 21-Club Run

- Steve Wykoff - leader

Come Out & Play with Us in November



# Blasts From The Past!

Excerpt from RC4W Newsletter June 1998

## ROUGH COUNTRY 4-WHEELERS 1977-1997 "TWENTY YEARS OF DIRT"

### HISTORY OF THE CLUB - PART II

When we left History of the Club-Part I, it was mid 1981, an accumulation of problems along with not enough people left, had killed the club. I had moved to Casper and joined the club up there. I had a pretty dang good time in the year that I spent with that bunch; we played in a LOT of mud! I moved back to Cheyenne in the summer of '82 and again hooked up with a few of the old club members, Tom Williams, Kevin McFadden, Kevin Bryant, Pat Patterson, and probably a couple more that I can't remember! As time went on, a few more started showing up to go 'wheeling with us, Rick Carlson, Terry Gabel, Jim Haller, Shawn Franzen, Mike Flynn and Dick Biggerstaff. This went on for a couple of years. We went to Walden a lot, as well as Muddy Creek and Impossible Hill. By then we had decided to reorganize the club. We arranged with the VFW on Nationway to have our meetings there on the first Wednesday of each month. Our first meeting was in October of '84. Our first run was a disaster! There were a few differences of opinion, over what? I can't even remember now, but it weeded out a few individuals right off the bat! But, things settled down, and we started getting organized.

We got some hats, t-shirts and jackets made and revised the constitution and bylaws a little. I had arranged with a company in Fort Collins to reproduce our original club decal which was BLACK and white. When I went to pick them up, they had screwed up and made them RED and white. We decided that we liked them anyway and since the club colors were red and white, we would just keep them. By the summer of '85, we had grown to about 15 members and were looking for ways to get our name out into the public and recruit some new members. Part of the reason the club had died the first time was we just didn't have enough members to start with. In those days, I was a mud-racing addict so my suggestion was a mud race. I had gotten hooked up with the mall director, and we arranged to have it behind the mall in the area where Dillard's is now located. The mall spent thousands on the promotion of it through radio, tv and newspapers, which was good because we sure didn't have any money! We organized and ran the whole thing. The club really pulled together on it, EVERYONE got involved and took on a job. The previous two weekends we had a mall show to promote the mud race. We displayed vehicles and a booth and took registrations for the race. Race day was the first Sunday of Frontier Days '85. The mall had hired an announcer, a band, concessions and off-duty cops for crowd control. We had pre-registered over 100 entries. Race day was incredible; po-

lice estimated the crowd throughout the day at nearly ten thousand. Needless to say, the club got noticed!

Within a couple of months, the club nearly doubled its membership. Current member, John Bundy, is the only remaining "mud race recruit" having joined in August of '85. His first unit number was 20. In September of '85, I "produced" the first newsletter on an old typewriter I had. It was REALLY lame, but it was a start! By October '85, we had enough members to have our first ever Board of Directors. The first Board was Davey Smith, Robert Santos, Mike Schumm, Jeff Schumm, and Dave Addington. In November of '85, we became incorporated for the first time. In December '85, we joined United Four Wheel Drive Associations. Also in December '85, we started the first of several "community goodwill" type things. We had always had a Christmas tree cutting trip so we started getting extra trees and donating them to Needs, Inc. Channel 5 came out and did a feature news story on us. That went a long way toward establishing the club as a decent member of the community.

Bullwinkle made his first appearance on the February '86 club run and Jeff Schumm was his first "guest."

In May of '86, current member Tracy McLane joined the club with much coaxing from Kevin! At the time, Tracy had a really nice full size Bronco. His first unit number was 28.

Tragedy struck the club for the second time in 3 years on Labor Day weekend '86. Club member Wayne Miller and his girlfriend were killed when he lost control of his Jeep west of Laramie and rolled multiple times. They were

returning from Walden. Wayne was 22. His unit number, 26, was retired in his memory.

On December 7, 1986, the club participated in the first ever Christmas Toy Cruise. We had 30 Four-Bys in attendance.

The first club meeting held at Uncle Charlies was on Tuesday, December 2, 1986. It was a really good move. The noise at the VFW had been really bad.

In March of '86, we established our Adopt-a-Trail program with the Forest Service. The Muddy Creek trail was on their closure list, so we adopted it just to keep it open. After ten years of working on it (or defunning it), we have it nearly paved now! But, it was either lose it or pave it, so we decided that since it was a lost cause anyway, we might as well get some mileage out of it. The Forest Service did put some really nice articles, with pictures, of our work trips in both the Cheyenne and Laramie newspapers. Also, the next time you're through west Laramie, stop by their offices. They have a really nice large display board of pictures of our work trips and the Adopt-a-Trail program.

The summer of '86, we were mud racing again. This time at races put on by both the Fort Collins club and the Loveland club. RC4W did real well! In November of '86, I issued a snowbashing challenge to those two clubs through our newsletter. It was accepted and bantered back and forth in each club's newsletters until the morning of February 22, 1987 when 62 vehicles from the 3 clubs showed up at Tie Siding, Wyoming. The Fort Collins club brought the chili, and we brought the hot dogs for the party at the end of the day. It was a WAY good time!

In May of '87, we had our second of three mall shows at Frontier Mall. We displayed 20 vehicles as well as a booth with club videos, photo albums, etc. We did the same thing again in June of '88.

During the '87 Memorial Day weekend at Walden, Larry Vincent found his way to RC4W by breaking down in front of our camp. He joined the club in August of '87 and the rest, as they say, is history. Larry's first unit number was 28. He subsequently brought 4 more new members from Platteville, Colorado.

In September of '87, the Fort Collins club held mud drag races at Wellington, Colorado. RC4W REALLY kicked butt. In addition to the many individual trophies won by club members, the club won trophies for best participation by a club and most wins by a club.

As much fun as the club was having during these years, there was trouble again brewing within the ranks having started about mid '86. There were once again two different factions emerging within the club. Suffice it to say, that the problems were making it difficult for people with families to enjoy club functions. It totally blew up during August and September of '87. Things REALLY got ugly. The result was another split but unlike the first one in '81, it didn't kill the club. This time the club had nearly 50 members, so we were able to absorb the loss and continue on. We held a special election in October '87 to replace the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and two Board Members. Kevin McFadden was the President at the time. We also revised the constitution to prevent certain occurrences from happening again.

In all, the '80s were a great time for the club. We were very involved in many different ac-

tivities. We did a lot of community type things, and got quite a bit of media coverage for them. We had a lot of parties and picnics, which made for a close-knit group. We also frequently had inter-club activities with the Fort Collins and Loveland clubs.

Next time RC4W enters the '90s. Stay tuned . . .

Rod

The "Mad 4-Wheeler" Sez:



"The first rule is...

there ain't no rules!"

P.S. History of the Club, Part III never happened. The good times continued only into the early '90s. From about '93 or '94 on, the club started a long downhill slide that saw it lose most of its original membership and activities by the end of the decade. Things started to turn around again in late 2001 and 2002 has been a very good year and one that future successes can be built on! It's hard to believe RC4W has now spanned 4 decades and 2 centuries! Nearly a thousand members have come and gone in that time. It's been an interesting 26 year ride!

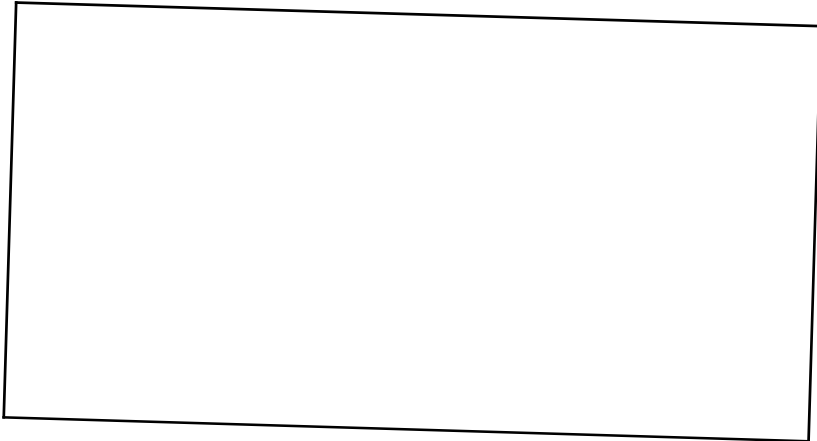
Rod

**Rough Country  
4-Wheelers**

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If you have anything you would like to contribute to the newsletter, please contact Dave Hardin.

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**Classifieds.....**

(5) 6-lug Chevy stock rims with BF Goodrich tires, \$100

Spare gas tank for Chevy, \$50

Matt Romero 307-637-4075

Ultra Dash Mat, gray, new in box, (list \$69), \$40

K&N Air Filter, (list \$60+), \$30

Super Chip, Power Stroke, 275 HP, 492 lb/ft torque, works good, does not kill your mileage (list \$375) \$300

4 - Ford eight hole wheels with BFG-AT tires, pre '97, \$150 OBO

4 - Chev 6 hole wheels 15x8 Factory Beauty rings and center 4x4 caps-\$100

Jim Webster 307-632-9759

**November Anniversaries**

Jim Carter 11/01

Will & Christina Fowler 11/01

Scott Grimm 11/01

Dewey & Heather Williams 11/94

October 50/50 Raffle winner  
Steve Wykoff

2 new Boggers 35x14.5x16.5 tires, \$200  
David Meisner 303-776-5308

1983 CJ7 Renegade, AMC 360, 5-speed, 33x12.50 BFG MTs, Summers Bros. rear axels, bikini top, no lockers or top \$4,000 OBO

Mike Cisco 307-220-6884

(4) 33x12.50x15, BFG AT, 15 in mud rim \$375  
Fabtech Pre Runner Bar w/light for Super Duty Ford \$350

(4) 16x12 Eagle Alleys with 35x12x16 mud tires \$800

(4) 38x15.50 Super Swampers  
Joe Sandoval 307-634-0738